

# Transcript of the Testimony of **Archie Schaffer**

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1 you're -- when you raise them to a certain point"?

2 A. Well, because as we discussed earlier, we wouldn't  
3 have the control over the genetics and the -- you know,  
4 the nutrition and, you know, wouldn't be assured of the  
5 consistent quality raw material to go into our finished  
6 product that we have by doing it the way we do.

7 Q. When did Tyson's first become aware that there were  
8 potential environmental impacts resulting from poultry  
9 farming?

10 MR. GEORGE: Object to form.

11 MR. GRAVES: Object to --

12 MR. GEORGE: If you're asking when he became  
13 aware, I think he can answer that.

14 Q. (Mr. Roark continued.) Let's talk about company  
15 awareness, if you know.

16 A. Well, I really don't know. I mean the company may  
17 have -- I don't know, but I know that the company was  
18 aware of it when -- when I came to work for them in 1991.

19 Q. And how do you --

20 A. I actually know that they were aware of it, as was  
21 the rest of the industry, a couple of years before that.

22 Q. And what do you base that on?

23 A. Well, because in the late '80s when I was working  
24 for the Arkansas Business Council and spending a lot of  
25 time at the state capitol, I was aware of the fact that

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1 the governor of Arkansas at that time formed what was  
2 called the governor's animal waste task force, which he,  
3 in effect, co-opted or took over from the Poultry  
4 Federation's animal waste task force.

5 Q. So the federation was already studying that issue.

6 A. Yes. As I recall, you know, this came about because  
7 of -- of Don Allen, who was then the head of the Poultry  
8 Federation, attending a meeting in some other part of the  
9 country where these issues were raised, and he came back  
10 and encouraged the industry through the Poultry Federation  
11 to form a task force to look the these issues, and that  
12 task force began work on developing best management  
13 practices to be used by their growers, and the governor  
14 became aware of this and thought it was -- apparently  
15 thought it was an issue that he wanted to be involved in,  
16 and so he formed this -- He converted the Poultry  
17 Federation's animal waste task force to the governor's  
18 animal waste task force, and they spent a couple years  
19 holding hearings and what have you.

20 Q. Which governor was that?

21 A. Governor Clinton. And that was going on in the  
22 1989, '90 time frame, just before I came to work for  
23 Tyson.

24 Q. Was Tyson directly involved in that task force?

25 A. I don't recall. I assume they probably were, but